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The documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached European Search Report from the European Patent Office in a corresponding European Patent Application.

Copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed. Applicant notes that the European Search Report cites SETTY, P. et al., "FA 9.6: A 5.75b 350Msamples/s or 6.75b 150MSamples/s Reconfigurable Flash ADC for PRML Read Channel", IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference, Digest of Tech. Papers, pp. 148-149, (1998). This document was already submitted to the Patent Office and listed on the PTO-1449 form

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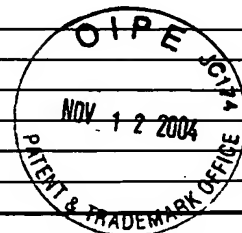
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